[Translation]

Financial Assistance of Rope-Way on Panchmarhi Hill in Madhya Pradesh

*2003. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to State:

(a) whether any proposal for financial assistance has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for construction of a rope-way on Panchmarchi hill station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when approval is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Theft of Belongings of Foreign Tourists in Gujarat

2004. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of theft and any other such incident related to foreign tourists in Gujarat has come to the notice of Union Government;

(b) whether Government propose to take special steps for the security of foreign tourists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Law and order including theft cases and provision of security to foreign tourists is a State subject. As and when complaints are received the matter is referred to respective State Governments for action in accordance with law.

(c) In the instant case State Government of Gujarat have reported a case of theft of some belongings like leather jacket, shirt and kites of foreign tourists that took place on 13.1.1992 in Ahmedabad. The State Government had strengthened security arrangements further by putting special security staff for security of tourists and their belongings.

[English]

Airport at Salem in Tamil Nadu

2005. DR. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the expected time by which the work at Salem airport (Tamil Nadu) is likely to be completed;

(b) the amount spent so far on this project; and

(c) the names of other places in Tamil Nadu where new airports are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 30th April, 1992.

(b) Rs. 3.46 crores.

(c) The National Airports Authority has no plans to construct any new airport in Tamil Nadu.

Manufacturing of Modern Equipments by Foreign Companies

2006. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: